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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were pending, with claim 6 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claim 3 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are now pending.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as purportedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 3 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Since all of the pending claims have been allowed, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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